Londons Wonders:

OR,

LONDON'S WARNING;

To prevent our farther

DESTRUCTION

BY

FIRE.

Wherein is shewn the great causes of Gods thus destroying us by Fire.

With a call from Heaven, to speedy Repentance, that these his heavy Judgements may be removed from us.

With a Catalogue of Fires that hapned since the dreadful burning of the City.

Amos 1. 12. *But I will send a Fire upon* Teman, *which shall devour the places of* Bozra.

By one that prays for the prosperity of London, *and the destruction of all her Enemies.*

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OR,

Londons Warning.

THe great and Glorious God, who lives for ever, whoſe power is infinite, and Kingdom without end, he hath ſet bounds and terms of being, to all things and places in the World; this is he, who kills, and makes alive, who throws down, and builds up, and none dares ſay; What doſt thou? Eminent Examples of his terrible Judgement hath the Lord poured down upon us in theſe our days, as a warning to his people, that they may eſcape the ſnare, and avoid the puniſhment that is due to Sinners: Many ſad Examples of Gods anger have we had before our Eyes: Within this ſeven or eight years, God hath deſtroyed our houſes by Fire, and not forgetting the dreadful Plague, wherein was ſwept

away above 100000 Souls, methinks you ſhould always hear the Bell towling, and ſee your Friends and Relations dying. And if this will not move you, if neither Plague nor Fire, God will not leave off puniſhing you, but will ſtill deſtroy you, as now he doth, by the Sword.

My dear Friends, let us ſeriouſly enquire into the Reaſons wherefore the Lord doth deal ſo ſeverely with us: there is reaſon enough, if every man would but look into his own heart; but Oh thoſe great crying Sins which hath cauſed the Lord to turn his face againſt us, and thus to deſtroy us! I ſhall name a few of the greateſt. As,

Firſt, Sabath-breaking. The Examples of Gods Judgement on Sabath-breakers, may ſufficiently ſeal unto them, whoſe hearts are not feared. How wrathful Almighty God is diſpleaſed with them who are wilful prophainers of his Holy Day: the Lord (who is otherwiſe the God of mercy) commanded *Moſes* to ſtone the man, who (of a preſumptuous mind) would go to gather ſticks on the Sabath day: the Fact but ſmall, but the Sin was the greater, that for ſo ſmall an occaſion would preſume to break ſo great a Commandment. Many ſad examples of Gods Judgements on Sabath-breakers have we had in theſe our days; ſhould I write them all down, this Book would not contain them: Our City, the Glory of our Nation, was burned on the Sabath, *Wapin* was good part of it deſtroyed on the Sabath, and St. *Katherines* almoſt deſtroyed by Fire, on the Sabath, and many other Fires, though not in the City, we have had on the Sabath, ſince our dreadful conſuming of *London*. And why is it that God doth thus deſtroy us by Fire, on the Sabath day? but to ſhew us how highly he is diſpleaſed with our Sabath-prophaination: How many are there drowned on every Sabath? as many on that day, as on all the week beſides: The more in theſe hot days, when young men go into the Water. Oh that Maſters of Families would take more care for the future, and keep in their Ser-

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vants, and ſee that the Sabath be ſanctified better then now it is, leſt God make an utter end of us.

Secondly, The ſecond provoking-Sin, is, Whoredom: As the Lord ſpake to *Jeruſalem*, ſo juſtly may it be ſpake of *London*, and of *England*: *I have ſeen thy Adulteries, and thy Neighings, and the lewdneſs of thy Whoredoms, and thine abominations on the hills, and in the fields; woe to thee, Oh* Jeruſalem, *wilt thou not be made clean.* Woe to thee, Oh *London*; Oh *England*, wilt thou not be made clean? the Lord would have cleanſed thee, but thou wilt not be cleanſed. Conſider you unclean perſons, God hath his viols full of wrath, ready to pour down upon you, and how will you be able to bear it? *Whoremongers and Adulterers God will Judge.* And Oh you provoakers of God, thoſe late dreadful Flames, are nothing to the Flames of Hell, to the torments of the damned; theſe touched but your ſubſtance, but the other will touch your Souls, and make you cry and roar under the extreamity of your pains for ever: Oh *London!* put away thy Whoredoms, *Ezek.* 16. 28. and in the 25 ver. *Thou haſt built thy high place at the head of the way, and haſt made thy beauty to be abhored, and haſt opened thy feet to the multitude that paſſed by, and haſt multiplyed thy whoredoms.* This was *Jeruſalems* caſe: and what was the end of all: it provoaked God to anger: Oh therefore let not Whoredom take away thy heart, for no ſuch can inherit the Kingdom of God.

Thirdly, The third Sin, is Pride. This Sin crys aloud in *London*, and all over *England*: This Sin heightned the Lords Wrath, and much helped the kindling ſo many cruel Fires as we have had of late, not only in *London*, but in the Country, *Prov.* 16. 18. *Pride goeth before deſtruction, and an haughty ſpirit before a fall.* This was the Sin of *Sodom*, and this is the Sin of *London*: *Even pride, and fulneſs of bread.* As you may read in *Ezek.* 16. 47. As the Daughters of *Jeruſalem*, ſo the Daughters of *London*, go with ſtretchedout necks, mincing as they go, little thinking that thoſe that walk in pride, the Lord will abaſe, *Jer.* 50. 31. *Behold, I am againſt thee, O thou moſt proud*, ſaith the Lord God of Hoaſt, *for the day is come, that I will viſit thee.* And

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verſe 32. *And the moſt proud ſhall ſtumble and fall and none ſhall raiſe him up, I will kindle a fire in his Cities, and it ſhall devour all round about him.* As God did pronounce a woe againſt the pride of *Ephraim*, ſo juſtly might he do againſt *London*, and againſt all *England*: as in *Iſa.* 28. 1. Woe to the Crown of pride, and to the Drunkards of *England*; woe to the Drunkards of *London*. Oh therefore be humble, and let not pride of heart deceive thee, *Mal.* 4. 1. *For behold the day cometh, that ſhall burn as an Oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly ſhall be ſtuble, and the day that cometh ſhall burn them up*, ſaith the Lord of Hoaſts, *that it ſhall leave them neither root nor branch.*

Fourthly, Drunkenneſs is a crying and provoaking Sin: *Woe to the Drunkards of* Ephraim: So we may cry out, Woe to the Drunkards of *London*, and of *England*. You that have made your ſelves like Beaſts, you that glory in your Drunkenneſs, you take delight when you can make others partakers with you in the ſame Sin, you are not willing to be ſaved, neither would you have any others, if you could, you have drawn down Judgements, you have added drunkenneſs to thirſt, now the Lord hath given you a cup of wrath to drink; well then, let me ſay, with the Prophet *Joel*: *Awake ye Drunkards, and weep, howl all ye drinkers of Wine, becauſe of new wine, for it is cut off from your mouths*, Joel 1. 5. Oh! how many have been wallowing in this Beaſtly Sin, and have gloried in their ſhame?

Fifthly, The fifth Sin that provoaks God to pour down his Judgements upon us, is Swearing: Oh! how ſad is it, that men ſhould practice ſuch a helliſh Sin, to rend and tear the bleſſed name of the great God. Many Examples of Gods Judgements on Swearers, I could give you, but I ſhall give you but three or four.

A Serving-man in *Lincoln-ſhire*, for every trifle uſed to ſwear by Gods precious blood, and would not be warned by his friends, till at length falling into a grievous ſickneſs, he was again perſwaded by his friends to repent, which counſel he ſtill rejected; and hearing the Bell towl, in the very pangs of death ſtarted up, ſwearing; *Gods wounds the bell tols for me, but he ſhall not*

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have me yet: Whereupon the blood iſſued out in a moſt fearful manner, from all the joynts of his Body, from mouth, noſe, wriſts, knees, and toes, and all other parts of his Body, and he dyed. Mr. *Perkins.*

Another relates of a Swearing Courtier at *Mansfield*, who in the midſt of his blaſpheamous Oaths was taken up, and carried away by the Devil.

Biſhop *Ridly*, at a Sermon at *Paul's* Croſs, related a Story of a young Gentleman of *Cornwal*, in the days of King *Edward* the ſixth, who riding in the company of other Gentlemen, began to ſwear and ſwagger, and being reproved for it, he ſwore the more, and raged worſe, to whom one Mr. *Hains* a Miniſter, with gentle words, ſaid: that he ſhould one day give an account thereof: whereat the Gentleman being in a fury, bad him take no thought for him, but to prepare for his own winding-ſheet; Well, ſaid the other, amend, for death gives no warning; *God's wounds*, ſaith he, care not thou for me, ſtill raging worſe and worſe, till coming to a bridge, he ſwitched his horſe, that he leaped over with him into the water, who as he was going, cryed; *Horſe and man to the Devil.* Act. *and* Mon.

Seventhly, The ſeventh provoaking Sin, that draws down Grds Judgements, is, Atheiſm, and Infidelity: *The Fool hath ſaid in his heart, there is no God*, Pſal. 53. 1. By his works he will be known on the earth. If the works of Creation, and Providence, will not convince the world that there is a God, God will make them know one day, when his wrath ſhall be revealed from Heaven, upon them that will not obey him; nay, which is worſe, will not believe that there is a God, although they are beholding to him for all that they enjoy: but what will be the portion of their Cup? *Job* 21. 20. *And he ſhall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.*

Well now, Oh *London*! and Oh *England*! Hear; that thou maiſt live; fear Gods threatnings, and take warning by theſe Judgements, and by your Neighbours Chaſtiſements: Oh! think not your ſelves ſecure, till you have repented, and returned unto God.

Firſt,

First, Repent of all our Sins, we must know by the Law of God, what is Sin, and what is not.

Secondly, we must know the heavy curse of God, due to sin; the the reward of Sin is eternal death, both of the Body, and Soul. Therefore if you would prevent our farther Destruction by Fire: *Repent and return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy, and to our God, and he will abundantly pardon.*

Here followeth a Catalogue of Fires, that hath hapned since the burning of the City.

1. *Fire at his Majesties Stables.*
2. *Fire at Green-bank in* Southwark.
3. *Fire at* Margarets-hill *in* Southwark.
4. *Fire at* Bugg-row, *in the City.*
5. *Fire at the* George-Inn *in* Southwark.
6. *Fire behind the* Exchange.
7. *Fire at* White-Chappel.
8. *Fire at the* Savoy *in the* Strand.
9. *Fire without* Bishops-Gate.
10. *Fire at the* Theator Royal.
11. *Fire at a Brewhouse, in* Horsleydown, Southwark.
12. *Fire at St.* Katherines, *near the Tower.*
13. *Fire at a Sugger-bakers, in* Thames-street.
14. *Fire at a Merchants house in* Mincing-Lane.
15. *Fire at* Wapin.
16. *Fire at* Mind-Lane, *in* Southwark.
17. *Fire at the Navey-Office.*
18. *Fire at* Shadwel-dock.

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